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S.R. No. 58

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Lubbock in mourning the loss of John Gordon Wilkerson Jr., who died August 28, 2021, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, John Wilkerson was born on December 18, 1934, and was a lifelong resident of Lubbock; he graduated from Lubbock High School, and he went on to earn a degree from Baylor University; and

WHEREAS, John enjoyed a long career as chairman of Wilkerson Storage Company and head of Wilkerson Properties, and under his leadership, the companies expanded to serve a broad array of clients in the commercial and industrial logistics and real estate industries; he remained loyal to Baylor University throughout his life, and his distinguished service to the institution included 18 years as a member of the Baylor University Board of Regents and two years as chairman of the board; and

WHEREAS, John contributed greatly to the growth and development of Lubbock through his many civic leadership roles, and he gave selflessly of his time and resources to bring comfort to the vulnerable and downtrodden; he was honored to serve as a deacon at the First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, A man who cherished family above all things, John shared 63 years of marriage with his devoted wife, Ruth, and

together they raised four children by loving Christian example; he and Ruth were blessed with eight grandchildren, and they and their two great-grandchildren were a source of much pride and joy for him; and

WHEREAS, John Wilkerson was admired by his friends and loved ones for his integrity, his generosity, and his devotion to his hometown community; he was beloved by many, and he will long be remembered with respect and admiration by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of John Gordon Wilkerson Jr.; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Wilkerson.